

Sixty-second
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1152

Introduced by

Representatives Devlin, Vigesaa, J. Nelson, Kaldor

Senators Christmann, Robinson

1 A BILL ~~for an Act to provide for a hospital grant; and to provide an appropriation.~~ for an Act to
2 provide for medicaid supplemental payments to critical access hospitals; and to provide an
3 appropriation.

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

5 ~~SECTION 1. HOSPITAL GRANTS.~~

6 ~~1. During the 2011-13 biennium, the state department of health shall contract with the~~
7 ~~North Dakota hospital association to administer a grant program for hospitals. The~~
8 ~~administrative costs of the party administering the grant program may not exceed the~~
9 ~~lesser of actual direct costs or five percent of the grant program appropriation. The~~
10 ~~party administering the grant program may establish a committee to review grant~~
11 ~~applications and to make grant award determinations.~~

12 ~~2. In order to qualify for a grant under this section, an applicant may not have previously~~
13 ~~received a grant under this section. A grant application must specify how grant funds~~
14 ~~will be utilized by the recipient, include requested fiscal and demographic information,~~
15 ~~and include any supporting documentation required by the party administering the~~
16 ~~grant program.~~

17 ~~3. Grant funds must be used for extraordinary expenditures and deferred maintenance,~~
18 ~~such as major building repairs, one-time capital purchases, and energy efficiency~~
19 ~~upgrades, and for implementation of health information technology and electronic~~
20 ~~medical records.~~

21 ~~4. In order to qualify for a grant under this section, an applicant:~~

22 ~~a. Must be a critical access hospital that has experienced a loss based on at least~~
23 ~~two of the previous three years of medicare costs reports in order to qualify for a~~
24 ~~grant not to exceed two hundred thousand dollars;~~

- 1 ~~_____ b. Must be a critical access hospital that does not qualify under subdivision a in~~
2 ~~order to qualify for a grant not to exceed one hundred thousand dollars; or~~
3 ~~_____ c. Must be a long-term care acute hospital in order to qualify for a grant not to~~
4 ~~exceed one hundred thousand dollars.~~
5 ~~_____ 5. As a condition of receipt of a grant under this section, a recipient shall agree that~~
6 ~~during the 2011-13 biennium the recipient will provide the grant administrator with~~
7 ~~periodic reports on the status and use of the grant funds distributed. The grant~~
8 ~~administrator shall provide the state department of health with status reports on the~~
9 ~~grant program and on recipient postaward reports. A grant award may be distributed to~~
10 ~~a qualified recipient over the course of the 2011-13 biennium as may be provided~~
11 ~~under the terms of the grant award. If the state department of health determines a~~
12 ~~recipient has used grant funds in a manner inconsistent with the terms of this section~~
13 ~~or of the grant award, the recipient shall return that portion of the award to the state~~
14 ~~department of health.~~
15 ~~_____ 6. The name of a grant applicant, the name of a grant recipient, the amount of grant~~
16 ~~funds awarded, and the amount of grant funds distributed are public information.~~
17 ~~However, material in a grant application or postaward report may be exempt or~~
18 ~~confidential under section 44-04-18.4.~~

19 ~~_____ **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general~~
20 ~~fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$6,500,000, or so much of the~~
21 ~~sum as may be necessary, to the state department of health for the purpose of providing grants~~
22 ~~to hospitals under section 1 of this Act, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2011, and ending~~
23 ~~June 30, 2013.~~

24 **SECTION 1. MEDICAID SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENT - CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITALS.**

25 The department of human services shall provide a medicaid supplemental payment to critical
26 access hospitals. The department shall seek federal medicaid funding to support the
27 supplemental payments.

28 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general
29 fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$1,527,802, or so much of the
30 sum as may be necessary, and from federal funds, the sum of \$1,926,259, or so much of the
31 sum as may be necessary, to the department of human services for the purpose of providing

1 medicaid supplemental payments to critical access hospitals under section 1 of this Act, for the
2 biennium beginning July 1, 2011, and ending June 30, 2013.